

# CONGRESSWOMAN LOWEY IS RESPONSIBLY REDUCING THE DEFICIT

As we invest in critical initiatives to create jobs and help America win the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Congresswoman Lowey is working with her colleagues to responsibly reduce the deficit, including cutting 2011 spending by more than \$70 billion.

- In December 2010 she voted for a spending bill that would have funded the government for all of 2011 at \$46 billion below the amount requested by President Obama. When the Senate did not agree to the House Democratic bill, she voted for a separate proposal that became law to cut 2011 funding by \$41 billion below the President's request.
- Just as families and businesses have had to cut back during difficult economic times, in January she voted to cut the budget of the House of Representatives by \$35 million.
- In February she voted for several amendments to reduce spending, including ending a \$450 million boondoggle for an unnecessary alternate engine for the Joint Strike Fighter and eliminating unnecessary government boards and commissions costing taxpayers \$19 million.
- As the House debated a spending bill in March, she voted to eliminate \$162 million in spending over the next decade by ending the planning and construction of the Knik Arm and Gravina Island Bridges in Alaska, also known as the "bridge to nowhere."
- In March and April, she voted for three short-term spending bills that save taxpayers \$12 billion, terminating a handful of programs including excessive agriculture subsidies.
- Lowey voted against an ineffective school voucher bill for the District of Columbia and in favor of a proposal to trim federal assistance for Washington, D.C., by \$150 million.
- To make the Pentagon more efficient, she voted to reduce its printing budget by 10%, which would save taxpayers \$36 million next year and \$180 million over five years.
- In April Congresswoman Lowey voted for the largest ever annual reduction in spending, cutting \$38.5 billion. Although she does not endorse every cut, she believes it adequately invests in many critical priorities while making the government more efficient and less wasteful.

To govern is to make tough choices, and Lowey is working with her colleagues in a responsible and bipartisan way to protect vital services and investments that grow our economy while reducing the deficit.

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